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...ilhafi says France invades Africa

...UT, Feb. 7 (R) -- Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has ...d France of building a "new imperialist bridge" in Africa by ...g parts of the continent. The Libyan News Agency today ... Col. Qadhafi as saying at a dinner in Benghazi for ...elan President Luis Herrera Campins: "Territory close to ... land is being subjected to invasion by a big power -- the ...n by French forces of Tunisia." Tunisia has accused Libya ...nising and financing a raid on the southern Tunisian mining ...f Gafsa on Jan. 27 in which 41 people, including 22 ...n soldiers, were killed. Tunisia turned for military help to ..., which sent three warships to the Western Mediterranean ...onse. In Addis Ababa, the Organisation of African Unity ...) agreed today the dispute between Tunisia and Libya ...be discussed at the current meeting of OAU foreign minis- ...unisia and Libya have both called for urgent meetings of the ...League to discuss the situation.

Gold price drifts down to $695

...NDON, Feb. 7 (R) -- The price of gold drifted down today as world bullion markets remained uncertain over the immediate future of the metal. The price fell to $695 an ounce following a quick rise yesterday to $716 before an auction of gold by the International Monetary Fund. The auction eventually established an average price of slightly over $712. Today's fall returned the gold price to levels at which it might stabilise. The pound sterling meanwhile fell back on international currency markets today after a strong rise yesterday. It closed at $2.2997 in London compared with 2.3125 last night. Fears of a damaging strike at the British Leyland car firm probably contributed to the fall, dealers said. The dollar rose slightly on the currency markets. It traded tonight at 1.7385 West German marks (compared with 1.7333 last night), 1.6175 Swiss francs (1.6077), 4.0688 French francs (4.0567) and 240.13 yen (240.02).

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...egional Briefs

..., Feb. 7 (Agencies) -- King Hassan of Morocco arrived ...Arabia today, for what have been officially described as ...ortant talks with the Saudi leadership. The Moroccan ...ince Fahd and other members of the Saudi royal family. ...ssan was accompanied by his two sons, Princes Sidi ...ad and Moulay Rachid, and by his brother, Prince ...bdallah. A large delegation of government and military ...avelled with King Hassan including Foreign Minister ... Boucetta, the ministers of posts, culture, information ...using, and Gen. Ahmad Dlimi.

..., Feb. 7 (AP)--Iran is to mediate in the quarrel between ...ader Muammar Qadhafi and Palestinian commando ...sser Arafat, Tehran Radio reported today. The radio, ...d here, said Mr. Arafat is due to arrive in Tehran tomor- ...hat Col. Qadhafi will also be visiting Iran, though it gave ...f the Libyan leader's arrival. The two leaders fell out last ...hanging violent accusations against each other in public. ...rel has resulted in the expulsion of a large number of ...ans from Libya. The Palestinians charge Qadhafi wants ...l the Palestine Liberation Organisation, led by Mr. ...hile Libya accuses the PLO of failing to be revolutionary

...US, Feb. 7 (R)--Syria's minister of interior, Maj. Gen. ...din Nasser said in a statement published here today that ...other than those pertaining to security had been referred ...ourts instead of the state security court. He told the ...ent daily newspaper Tishrin that no person had been ...under martial law regulations since the formation of the ...ernment last month. Gen. Nasser said the government ... the freedom of the individual and all people were equal ...e law.

...Feb. 7 (R)--The U.S. aircraft carrier Forrestal arrived ...ay for a five-day visit as guest of the Israeli Navy. The ...erving in the Mediterranean with the U.S. Sixth Fleet, ...mpanied by the frigates USS Paul and USS Onnole and ...y ship Savannah. The crews will go on sightseeing trips ...eir stay here.

..., Feb. 7 (R)--Jews, Zoroastrians and Christians will ...their own representatives to Iran's Islamic Assembly ...ent) in next month's elections, under regulations pub- ...day. The Jewish and Zoroastrian communities, each ...g about 80,000, will elect one deputy each, and three of ...assembly seats will be reserved for Christians. Zoroas- ...is the ancient pre-Islamic religion of Iran. All candidates ...eve in the Islamic republican system and must how their ...Iran's Islamic constitution, the regulations said. Par- ...ty hopefuls must be aged between 25 and 75, literate and ...nded by at least 20 people in the area they seek to ...

...US, Feb. 7 (R)--President Moussa Traore of Mali ...oday from Baghdad for an official five-day visit to Syria. ...ceived at the airport by President Hafez Al-Assad. The ...ws Agency said President Traore had reiterated Mali's ...or the Arab cause during his four-day visit to Iraq. He ...ed as saying there could be no genuine peace in the Arab ...nless the Palestinian Arab people achieved their rights. ...ncy said President Traore and President Saddam Hussein ...discussed strengthening Arab-African cooperation and ...aligned movement.

...DISHU, Feb. 7 (R)--Somalia's ruling Revolutionary ... Party (SRSP) today approved a new cabinet in which ...hnocrats joined the army officers who have governed the ...under President Mohammad Siad Barre for a decade. A ...nouncement said a central committee meeting headed by ...sident had approved the new list. The three vice- ...ial titles were dropped, but with one exception the army ...who held them remained powerful posts in the cabinet. ...senior officer who was not named in the new list, Maj. ...ail Ali Aboker, has already been designated chairman of ...y elected People's Assembly. The 26-man government ...d today contained one less army officer and several more ...ats.

...ELHI, Feb. 7 (R)--Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign ...lamed Alwan said today Iraq and India held similar views ...fghan situation. "We are in agreement on the need not to ... the situation and to reduce tensions," he said after talks ...lian Premier Indira Gandhi. Mr. Alwan, who also met ... Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, told a press con- ...the two countries' views were to great extent similar. Mr. ...said Iraq's condemnation of the Soviet intervention in ...stan had not affected relations between Baghdad and ...because Iraq's stand was not political but principled.

Soviets send warships to S. China Sea

TOKYO, Feb. 7 (R) -- A large force of Soviet warships is concentrating in the South China Sea in a move linked with the Afghanistan crisis, western military sources said today.

They said a 10-ship task group, commanded by a Soviet rear admiral, was steaming in the Pacific towards the Bashi Channel between Taiwan and the Philippines.

The group, the most powerful Soviet naval formation ever sighted in Northeast Asia, would enter the South China Sea shortly.

The force, including a missile cruiser, a missile destroyer, frigates, minesweepers and support ships, comes from the Soviet Pacific Fleet headquartered at Vladivostok.

The sources said the group would be joining a five-ship Soviet force which has been in the South China Sea for some days.

The sources said some of the ships were probably bound for the Indian Ocean or the Arabian Sea where 55 Soviet and American warships are confronting each other following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The U.S. Seventh Fleet is concentrated in the Indian Ocean and adjacent seas because of the Afghan crisis and its presence in the Western Pacific is drastically reduced.

The U.S. Pacific commander, Adm. Robert Long, has said American forces in the region were spread too thinly to cover trouble spots and called for more aircraft carriers, bases and other facilities to boost the American presence in Asia.

The western military sources said the U.S. fleet, which projects American power from Hawaii to the east coast of Africa, now has 27 ships in the Indian Ocean and adjacent seas.

U.S. shelves plans for sanctions against Iran

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (R) -- The United States said today it had shelved plans to impose economic sanctions against Iran in hopes of helping to achieve a diplomatic solution to the crisis over 50 Americans held in Iran. The state department linked the decision to increased signs of hope for an early resolution of the deadlock, now in its 96th day.

"The administration is holding the sanctions regulations in abeyance while diplomatic activities continue," State Department Spokesman Hodding Carter said. "We don't want to take the formal steps towards the sanctions if the crisis can be solved by these means".

The decision was "aimed, we hope, at enhancing our diplomatic activities," he said.

Earlier today, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher described the situation surrounding the hostages as "somewhat promising." He said on television: "I wouldn't say there's a deal in the making. I'd say that we have a somewhat promising situation, and we're working hard on it, as we have for the last 96 days."

Spokesman Carter said the decision to shelve sanctions was taken at the highest level within the past 68 hours. He said the reprieve was not indefinite, but declined to say how long it would last.

Sanctions would have been largely symbolic, as trade between the United States and Iran has been reduced drastically by the president.

The significance of the announcement lay more in its value as a gesture to Iran's new president, Mr. Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, who has made several moves since his installation which are seen in Washington as helpful to a solution.

Tension runs high in Beirut

Rival right-wing groups battle in north Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 7 (Agencies) -- Rival right-wing groups battled with mortars and artillery in northern Lebanon today and five combatants were reported dead. In Beirut, snipers killed a civilian motorist and wounded two pedestrians on the "ring" road connecting the eastern and western sectors of the capital.

Tension was high three days after Syria announced it was withdrawing its peacekeeping troops from Beirut. High-flying Israeli jets drew anti-aircraft fire from Syrian and Palestinian gunners and an Israeli-Palestinian clash was reported in the south.

About 80 kilometres north of Beirut, gunmen loyal to former President Suleiman Franjieh fought with militiamen of the rival Falange Party, which fielded the largest right-wing army during the 1975-76 civil war.

A Falange spokesman said Mr. Franjieh's "Giants" militias attacked two pro-Falange villages, Kanat and Deir Billa, near the birth place of the naturalised American author Jubran Khalil Jubran. Government sources said five were killed and eight wounded.

Mr. Franjieh split with the Falangists over his support for Syria's November 1976 intervention which smothered Lebanon's 19-month civil war.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad announced Monday that Syria was pulling its troops out of Beirut. He criticised Lebanese leaders for not making peace since the war ended. He agreed to delay the withdrawal for a few days to allow the government to plan ways to fill the security vacuum.

President Elias Sarkis and Premier Salim Al Hoss met with military and political leaders to map out their plans for deploying the country's re-built army in positions vacated by the Syrians.

The Syrians have not announced a time-table for the pull-out, but they are expected to move their troops to the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

Dr. Hoss has told Mr. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, that the army will not attempt to replace the commando presence in Lebanon. Mr. Arafat travelled to Damascus today for his second meeting with President Assad since the Syrians announced the withdrawal.

Syria's announcement revived scenes of the civil war. Snipers on the "ring," an elevated highway connecting mostly Christian East Beirut with mostly Muslim West Beirut, shot a woman motorist and wounded two pedestrians at nightfall.

The gunmen kept Lebanese security officers from getting to the wounded. The overpass straddles the heavily-fortified "Green Line" which divides the capital.

Syrian and Palestinian anti-aircraft gunners opened up on two high-flying Israeli jets at Mid-day, adding to the confusion of Beirut's population of one million. There were no evident hits.

Beirut Radio said an Israeli army unit crossed into the United Nations peace-keeping zone in South Lebanon today.

The radio quoted a United Nations spokesman as saying the 26-man Israeli unit was persuaded to withdraw without incident after approaching a U.N. post about two kilometres east of the U.N. headquarters at Naqoura.

A 6,000-strong international peace-keeping force has been stationed in South Lebanon since an Israeli invasion of the volatile border region in March, 1978.

Earlier, a military spokesman in Tel Aviv said an Israeli soldier was slightly wounded in a clash between an army patrol and Palestinian commandos who, he claimed, tried to cross into Israel from South Lebanon.

Recent troop movements on both sides of the Lebanese-Israeli border have increased tensions and there have been several artillery battles in the last few days.

Left-wing leaders have rejected yesterday's government decision to send the army, which they consider to be sectarian and dominated by the right, into sensitive part of Beirut.

In a statement last night the Lebanese branch of the Baath Socialist Party said the army deployment would be opposed "by all means at our disposal including armed force." It called for an immediate effort to crush the rightist militias and free the areas under right-wing control.

A government announcement rejecting the presence of any armed elements other than army regulars, the Lebanese internal security forces and the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) drew immediate criticism from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The PLO said that the cabinet statement ignored the fact that armed Palestinian presence in parts of Lebanon was legitimate as it had been ratified by Arab summit resolutions and Lebanese-Palestinian agreements.

"It serves no one's interests to ignore this objective fact in these delicate circumstances," the PLO said. Premier Hoss said in reply that the government stuck by its commitments to the Palestinians.

The PLO added that the Israelis were preparing to attack "our Arab nation."

Mr. Arafat has said he has placed his commandos on full alert in South Lebanon because he fears an impending Israeli strike.

Iranian aide released from jail

TEHRAN, Feb. 7 (R) -- National Guidance (Information) Minister Nasser Minachi was released from jail today and the militant students who put him there were branded by President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr as lawless and contrary to Islam.

Mr. Minachi was ordered freed by a unanimous vote of the ruling Revolutionary Council last night, within 24 hours of his arrest by revolutionary guards.

The minister was taken from his home shortly after students holding 49 American hostages at the U.S. embassy went on state radio and television to denounce him as a collaborator with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

In today's Kayhan newspaper, President Bani-Sadr wrote: "How can there be peace in a country where a responsible minister is detained at midnight without question and without authority, and where radio and television allows groups to act in a unilateral way and denies the right of defence to their victims?". It was his second and sharpest such attack in two days.

The president wrote: "If this is an Islamic revolution, then its main characteristic should be the observance of morality. One of the most important crises facing Iran is the moral crisis."

He also criticised the students for inviting 49 American radicals to Iran without consulting the foreign ministry. The Americans arrived last night but were held up for four hours at Tehran airport because of what were described as visa problems. "This means that a group, in the name of the imam (Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini), has decided to discredit the government of the Islamic revolution which is running the country with the imam's approval," Mr. Bani-Sadr wrote.

He said the students' were undermining the confidence of ministers and encouraging the United States and the Soviet Union to regard Iran as weak.

"How can we expect that the Russians won't get the idea of creating the same fate for Iran" he asked, in a reference to Moscow's intervention in Afghanistan.

President Bani-Sadr also criticised his fellow members of the Revolutionary Council for weakness.

He said it was up to the council either to run the country until parliamentary elections next month or delegate power to him. "Anything between these two is not in the interests of the country," he said.

Yamani warns of world war if Arabian oil fields are attacked

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb. 7 (R)--A Soviet invasion of the Saudi Arabian oil fields would cause a third world war, Saudi Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani said today.

He told a European management symposium at this Swiss mountain resort that Saudi Arabia would be defended by the United States, Western Europe and Japan in the event of a Soviet invasion.

"If the Soviet Union marched into Saudi Arabian oil fields there would be a third world war because they would be met there by armies of the United States, Europe and Japan," Sheikh Yamani said.

"We do not want to see the superpowers present in our area. We must try to bring back a quiet atmosphere. The heat is coming nearer to the oil fields, and heat is dangerous near oil," the Saudi minister told European executives.

He said he believed that the main motive for the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was long-range energy strategy, adding that the Soviet Bloc would probably eventually become a net importer of oil.

"There is room for talking about possible supplies from Saudi Arabia, but nothing can be done until Soviet forces withdraw from Afghanistan," he added.

Sheikh Yamani also said Saudi Arabia will not continue its present high level of oil production unless it can obtain a real return on its investment.

Saudi Arabia was at present exchanging its oil for dollars, the real value of which was diminishing, he told the symposium. "Our real rate of return of investments, taking into account inflation, is always below zero," he said.

"Unless we can ensure a real return on our investment, we will not continue our present high level of production," the oil minister added.

Asked how long Saudi Arabia would wait for a return on its investment before cutting back production, Sheikh Yamani replied: "not for so long."

Saudi Arabia was producing more oil than it needed to meet its financial requirements, and was depleting its resources fast, Sheikh Yamani said.

A confrontation between producers and consumers over oil would be disastrous, he said.

The future trend would be for producing countries to sell their oil not only for money but also in exchange for industrial technology, Sheikh Yamani added.

He forecast the price of oil would in general continue to rise faster than world inflation. The rate of increase would depend on conservation measures and development of alternative energy sources. "But whatever you do the real price of oil must go up on an annual basis," he said.

...n actress Liv Ullman walks with a large ... refugee children Thursday during her ... border Cambodian refugee camp near Khao-i-Dang, Thailand. She was there with a large group of other celebrities taking part in the 'March for Survival'. (AP wirephoto)

Israel to lodge first protest with Egypt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (R) -- Israel will lodge an official protest with Egypt at remarks attributed to a senior Egyptian official who is reported to have predicted the imminent collapse of Israel, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said today.

Mr. Mohammad Hassan Tohami, Egyptian deputy premier, was quoted by a Kuwaiti newspaper this week as saying that Jews were "treacherous and hypocritical."

Mr. Begin told a press conference: "Those remarks are in flagrant contradiction to the spirit in which we conducted peace negotiations with Egypt." He said: "We shall make an official protest."

The protest would be the first since the two countries normalised relations last month after 30 years of hostilities.

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Heavy hand

COMPLAINTS BY Christian leaders in Israel about attacks by extremist Jewish thugs on Christian institutions, worshippers and holy sites in the Jerusalem area have put the whole question of Israel's occupation of the Old City of Jerusalem and its Holy Places under the international spotlight.

The periodic complaints of Muslims, who have an unbroken 1,300-year presence in the city that is their third holiest place, tend to fall on deaf ears outside the Islamic world itself. Since 1948, Christians have tended to accept at face value the assurances of Israeli leaders that the Holy Places and customs of Christians and Muslims, as well as Jews, would be respected. Muslim -- and, come to that, Christian -- Palestinians who have suffered since 1948 from the rigours and indignities of occupation are more prone to disregard these bland assurances.

The matter has become one of greater urgency since 1967, when Israel occupied Arab East Jerusalem, site of most of the important Holy Places, together with the rest of the West Bank. These 12 years of occupation have witnessed serious offences against Islamic holy places in Jerusalem and the West Bank, as the Israelis have proceeded with their attempted annexation, and Judaisation, of the occupied lands.

In the occupied territories today, as the grip of occupation tightens concurrently with the attempted imposition of the Palestinian "autonomy" scheme, we are witnessing new outrages -- against Muslims in Hebron and Christians in Jerusalem, among others.

The trouble is that, in appealing to Mr. Begin's government for protection, the Christian leaders risk enhancing Israel's claim to eternal sovereignty over a "united" Jerusalem.

One cannot fault the Christian leaders for protesting in the most vehement terms against the desecration of their churches or the daubing of swastikas on their bookshops. But it is not necessarily incumbent on them to accept without demur Mr. Begin's assurances in reply -- about "harmony of co-existence and mutual toleration" in Jerusalem.

However great the need for day-to-day protection from these atrocities, it remains unacceptable that Israel should be permitted to cast itself, as it has done since 1967, in the role of "guardian of the Holy Places of the Old City." As His Highness Prince Hassan points out in his book, "A Study on Jerusalem," soon to be published by Longman's in Britain, "this posture overlooks the juridical status of Israel in that area, i.e., an Occupant which has denied any annexation of the Old City and its extended suburbs."

It is by assuming such a role that Israel strives to hold onto both parts of Jerusalem as its "eternal capital," something which Mr. Begin is pressing with increasing fervour as international public opinion begins to turn massively against Israel's occupation policies.

If Muslim protests have not to date achieved the desired action to deny the adherents of one religion from absolute and exclusive control over the Holy City of three religions, perhaps Christian grievances will achieve a wider hearing. But this will be a sterile and counter-productive effort if it has the ultimate effect of strengthening Israel's already heavy hand in the matter.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The National Consultative Council's statement on Wednesday directed to the Arab countries and Arab conscience constitutes an appeal to support Jordan and enable it to bear the burdensome expenses resulting from the continual increases in oil prices.

The government on Wednesday found it necessary to raise the prices of oil priducts by certain percentages. This was seen as the only way to encounter the strain that the increasing prices of crude oil puts on the treasury while, at the same time, the Arabs watch and hear what is going on in Jordan.

While it is unquestionable that the Jordanian citizen will stand by the government bravely and with faith and awareness by bearing his share of the burden laid on the government, the time is ripe for the Arab brethren to consider how long Jordan -- government and people -- can bear the increasing burdens, and whether Arab solidarity, pan-Arab responsibility and the joint struggle for the cause ought to allow Jordan to suffer under the Arabs' nose.

Jordan has stood as a steadfast bastion along the last confrontation line against the enemy, and any hesitation in supporting it will not be forgiven by history.

AL DUSTOUR: Despite the special private nature of His Majesty King Hussein's visit to the United Kingdom, he did not spare any effort in employing the visit for the cause that constitutes, for His Majesty and for Jordan, the very cause of existence and their fate.

King Hussein was keen, during his talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and his meeting with U.S. presidential envoy Sol Linowitz, and in his statement to the London newspaper *The Observer*, on explaining the Jordanian stand based on a collective Arab agreement. The King was also keen on informing the U.S., more clearly than at any time before, that its policy based on the Camp David accords will not lead to the desired peace in the region.

King Hussein returns home just as the region is under pressures -- and is experiencing a chain of events -- that carry with them the seeds of immiment danger.

WHAT'S GOING ON

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a detective film by Jean Pierre Melville entitled "Un flic" starring Catherine Deneuve and Alain Delon. The film starts at 7:30 p.m.

Result of oil price hikes

JEA announces increase in electricity rates

By Ron Cathell
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AMMAN, Feb. 7 -- In the wake of the official announcement last night of higher fuel prices, which caused drivers to panic and rush to the nearest crowded petrol station before the midnight deadline, costs for electricity have also been raised, and it is anticipated that all public transportation and telephone rates will be raised within two weeks.

The increases follow recent price hikes in the cost of imported crude oil, from $18 a barrel in November last year to $26 a barrel last week. Jordan had allocated JD 20 million to subsidise fuel prices this year. But this figure would have to have been increased to JD 61 million to maintain current fuel prices, an increase the national budget cannot match. So the Cabinet was faced with the unpleasant task of raising consumer prices on all fuels, which has a direct impact on the cost of generating electricity.

Nearly all power stations in Jordan are fuelled by oil or oil products, such as diesel fuel or petrol. There are a few hydroelectric power stations but their contribution to national consumption is insignificant. Accordingly, the government's cost for imported crude has been passed on to consumers of electricity.

It took the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) three months to restructure and raise electricity rates, a very difficult task because of the complexity of the pricing system. The JEA completed the work just before the unexpected $2-a-barrel increase in the cost of imported crude last month. The new rate structure takes into account the $6 November price hike, but not the more recent, $2 one.

The pricing system is based on three factors: different rates for day and night, rates for different locations and rates for different sectors -- for domestic, commercial or industrial use.

The old system utilised a graduated scale of three blocks, or three amounts of electricity used. For example, the old rate for domestic consumption in Amman was 30 fils for each kilowatt hour (Kw/h), for the first block of 100 Kw/h. All electricity over this amount was 23 fils a Kw/h. A third block -- of more than 2,500 Kw/h -- applied to industry only.

The new system is based on a flat rate for domestic and commercial consumption, and on a two-block rate for industry. For Amman, the new domestic rate is 37 fils a Kw/h for any amount of electricity used. This is the same as the rate for all other governorates in Jordan, except Irbid, where the cost of producing electricity is higher because more expensive fuel -- petrol and diesel -- is needed to power the generators.

The difference in rates stems from the lower cost of electricity production at the Al Hussein thermal power station in Zarqa, which burns unrefined oil to power the steam-driven turbines. That power station is still new and not fully operational, running at about 50 per cent of capacity.

The new, flat domestic rate for Irbid is 50 fils a Kw/h. The old domestic rates were 40 fils a Kw/h for the first 100 Kw/h and 35 fils for each Kw/h over this amount.

Domestic consumption includes homes, hospitals, public buildings and broadcasting and television. A new, flat rate has also been applied to the commercial sector 43 fils a Kw/h throughout the country except in Irbid, where it is 55 fils a Kw/h. The old scaled commercial rate for Amman was 35 fils a Kw/h for the first 100 Kw/h and 28 fils for each Kw/h over this amount. In Irbid, the rate was 45 fils for the first 100 Kw/h and 35 fils for each additional Kw/h.

These new domestic and commercial rates apply to all hours of day and night.

The industrial rate system is very intricate. It differentiates between light and heavy industry, day and night, locations, electricity measured in bulk and that measured over periods of time, and the amount of electricity consumed above and below 2,500 Kw/h.

The JEA's new rating system, excluding heavy industry, has been simplified substantially.

For industry, the three-block graduating scale system was reduced to only two blocks of consumption, with 2,500 Kw/h being the dividing figure.

Abandoning the graduated scale system is a major feature of the new pricing system. Another major feature is that the new system "makes electricity cheaper in the countryside," JEA's planning director, Dr. Ibrahim Badran, told the Jordan Times today.

"This is in line with the government's policy of making the prices of services in rural areas either equal to or less than those in city centres," Dr. Badran said. "This is to encourage people to stay in the rural areas and not come into crowded urban regions."

The new rates for rural areas are either the same as or less than previous rates. This has been done by earmarking 1 fils from payment of each kilowatt hour of electricity consumed in the Amman governorate for the "countryside surcharge," an addition to the new rate structure. From the payments on each kilowatt hour of electricity consumed throughout the country, 1 fils will be put into a special fund for rural electrification.

"This is to create a source of funding for rural electrification in the country," Dr. Badran said. "In this way, everyone in the country contributes to this financing."

Even with the price increases, which went into effect yesterday, the government still must subsidise the cost of oil used to generate still must subsidise the cost of oil used to generate electricity. It will continue to subsidise about 50 per cent of the JEA's oil consumption.

With the recently increased price for imported crude, the government pays about JD 60 a ton and sells this to the JEA for about JD 30 a ton. The JEA in turn produces the electricity and sells it to the two electricity companies in the country. The Jordan Electric Power Company (JEPCO) serves all areas except Irbid, which is served by the Irbid District Electricity Company (IDECO). These companies are, in turn, responsible for providing all regions with electricity and accompanying services.

Hebron curfew lifted for 8 hours

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (R) -- A curfew on the Arab town of Hebron in the occupied West Bank, imposed a week ago following the killing of a part-time soldier, was lifted for a further seven hours today.

Residents were allowed out of their houses from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. During the past week they had been allowed out for only one hour a day, to buy food and essential supplies.

Customs on imported cars increased

By Norah Barger
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Feb. 7 -- Customs duties have been raised by up to 160 per cent for high fuel-consuming cars, the Ministry of Finance announced today. The customs increases come on the heels of domestic increases in the price of petroleum announced yesterday, along with government appeals for energy conservation.

Mr. Yasin Kayed, undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, which has charge of customs, told the Jordan News Agency today that the ministry had raised the rates on "big cars that consume a lot of petrol, while the reasonable rates on small cars will remain."

The increases apply to all cars but not lorries, pickups and buses. Customs on buses, in fact, went down 80 per cent today, from 250 fils a kilo to 50 fils a kilo.

Previously customs duties on all cars stood at 80 per cent of the total of cost, insurance and freight (CIF). In addition, those paying the customs were also charged a special services tax, 16 per cent of CIF, which went to fund such things as the universities, the sports cities and municipalities' projects. This surtax remains unchanged.

According to the new customs schedule released today, cars are divided into three categories based on the size of their engine -- that is, on the amount of petrol they consume. The first category includes cars with engines of up to 2,000 cubic centimetres (cc) capacity, the second those with a capacity of between 2,001 and 3,000 cc and the third those with a capacity of over 3,000 cc.

Small cars with up to 2,000 cc engine capacity will be subject to the old customs schedule that previously applied to all cars. This category now only includes cars with four cylinders. New cars that fall into this category will be levied customs amounting to 80 per cent of total cost.

Year-old cars in this category imported this year will be subject to customs of 60 per cent of cost, two year-old cars to 50 per cent, three year-old cars to 40 per cent and four year-old cars to 30 per cent.

The 30 per cent customs rate also applies to cars which are five years old. According to a regulation passed last year, cars manufactured six years ago cannot be imported into the country.

The second category of cars -- those with an engine capacity of 2,001 to 3,000 cc -- includes large four-cylinder cars and small to medium-size six-cylinder cars.

The adjusted customs index for this category levies 120 per cent on the cost of new cars. For ones that are a year old when imported, the rate drops to 100 per cent, then down to 90, 80 and 70 per cent for the three subsequent years respectively.

The final category, that of cars with a capacity of over 3,001 cc, includes large six-cylinder cars and all eight-cylinder ones.

The new customs schedule slaps a 160 per cent tariff on the CIF of new cars in this category, double the previous rate. For year-old cars, the customs eases down to 140 per cent, then to 130, 120 and 110 per cent for the three following years.

One ministry spokesman noted that the increases will cause the customs alone on big luxury cars to be from JD 15,000 to JD 20,000. Once the actual cost, 16 per cent surtax, registration and the agent's commission are also taken into account, it will be only the richest individual who will be able to afford an eight-cylinder car. Thus the government may well succeed in its policy of "encouraging people to own only small cars", enunciated today by Mr. Kayed.

The customs increases, however, will have little impact on ordinary citizens. According to the statistical bulletin issued by the Ministry of Finance for the 1978 fiscal year, of the 16,000 cars imported into Jordan 14,000 were small ones.

Four-cylinder car owners were also left unaffected by new car registration fees enacted last month. Fees remained at JD 100 for them, but went up to JD 150 on medium-sized cars and to JD 300 or JD 500 on large cars.

This safe was cut open with an acetylene torch and the money removed before the robbers tried to dispose of it.

Police track down robber of safe containing JD 1,118

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JT) -- A 19-year-old man was apprehended by Zarqa police yesterday only six hours after he had broken into the Jordanian National Geographic Centre (JNGC) and stolen an iron safe containing JD 1,118.

A report by *Al Ra'i* newspaper today said the JNGC's director reported the theft to the Amman police, who in turn alerted roving patrols that tracked down the robber in six hours. When found, he was trying to get rid of the empty safe in an outlying area.

The robber, formerly employed as driver for JNGC, admitted that he had broken into the centre at an early hour yesterday and, unable to open the safe, carried it home. He also admitted that an accomplice -- one of his neighbours who worked as a fitter machinist -- had helped him to open the safe with an oxy-acetylene torch.

"I thought I would find no less than JD 10,000 in the safe," the robber told the police when asked about his motive. According to the report the money was returned to JNGC and the accomplice also arrested for investigation.

Revised 'service' fare schedule announced

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA) -- A new fare schedule for *service* taxis in Amman was announced today by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Al. Suheimat. It will take effect Saturday.

For cars starting in the centre of town the rates run as follows:

DESTINATION	FARE
Jabal Amman/Civil Status Department	55 fils
Jabal Amman/Al Mu'tasem Quarter	55 fils
Jabal Amman/Bishop's School	55 fils
Jabal Amman/Fourth Circle	65 fils
Jabal Luweibdeh/King Juan Carlos Park (Muntazah)	55 fils
Jabal Luweibdeh/Princess Alia School	55 fils
Abdali/Interior Ministry Circle	65 fils
Shmeisani/Professional Association Complex	75 fils
Abdali/Intelligence Department	55 fils
Jabal Hussein/Interior Ministry Circle	55 fils
Youth City/Martyrs Monumnet	80 fils
Jabal Hussein/Freres College	55 fils
Al Hussein Refugee Camp/The Mill	55 fils
Jabal Nuzha	55 fils
Wadi Haddadeh/Industrial School	55 fils
Jabal Qusur/Mosque intersection	55 fils
Jabal Hashimi Shamali/Water tower (Hawouz)	75 fils
Northern Jabal Hashimi (Shamali)/Zaghatit Quarter	80 fils
Northern Jabal Hashimi (Shamali)/Zahra Quarter	70 fils
Southern Jabal Hashimi (Janoubi)	70 fils
Northern Marka (Shamaliya)/Officers' Quarter	90 fils
Northern Marka (Shamaliya)/Battery Factory	90 fils
Mahatta/Officers' quarter	55 fils
Royal Racing Club	75 fils
Mahatta/Ma'aniyeh Quarter	65 fils
Southern Marka (Janoubiya)/Hamlan	75 fils
Northern Marka (Shamaliya)/Mazare'	90 fils
Jabal Nasr/Prince Hassan Camp	70 fils
Jabal Nasr/Princess Alia Quarter	75 fils
Wadi Nasr/Wadi Rimam	65 fils
Jabal Taj/Zuhur Street	55 fils
Jabal Taj/Water tower	65 fils
Jabal Jofa/Alawi intersection	55 fils
Jabal Jofa/Drouz quarter	55 fils
Jabal Jofa/The Camp	55 fils
Jabal Jofa/Um Teeneh Quarter	55 fils
Jabal Ashrafiyeah/Armenian Quarter	55 fils
Jabal Ashrafiyeah/The hospitals	55 fils
Wihdat/Petrol station intersection	55 fils
Qeismeh housing estate	70 fils
Wihdat/Dabaybeh Quarter/The railway	70 fils
Ras Al 'Ein/The quarries intersection	55 fils
Jabal Nazzal/The mosque	55 fils
Jabal Nathif/UNRWA school	55 fils
Jabal Marrikh	55 fils
Muhajirin 'Aqleh Hospital	55 fils
Jabal Zuhur	70 fils
Al Hussein Housing Estate	80 fils

The fare from the Interior Ministry Circle to Jabal Amman is [illegible] fils.

According to the minister, the Ministry of Transport is currently considering issuing a new fares schedule for buses inside Amman.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JT) -- Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem yesterday reported to the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, one the outcome of the **Islamic Foreign Ministers conference** which he attended in Islamabad. He also presented a report on his visit to France, where he delivered a speech on the Middle East situation to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA) -- Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem today met with the Libyan Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Saleh Senousi. They discussed subjects connected with promoting **cooperation between Jordan and Libya.** Later, the minister met with the Austrian non-resident ambassador and the West German charge d'affaires.

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JT) -- Total **fees paid by merchants for obtaining import licences** from the Ministry of Industry and Trade amounted to JD 10,275,265 last year, a ministry source revealed here today. The figure is 30 per cent above that of 1978, which was JD 7,910,275, according to the source, quoted by *Al Ra'i* newspaper today. The fees are equivalent to four per cent of the overall value of imported mechandise, it said.

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JT) -- Loans totalling JD 3.71 were **granted by the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) to farmers** in the past year, an ACC spokesman said today. He was quoted by *Al Ra'i* newspaper as saying the loans were for financing some 1,454 farming projects and developing existing poultry farms. According to the spokesman, the ACC board has now decided to increase the corporation's capital from JD7 million to JD 12 million, and approved the 1980 budget of JD 556,000. The ACC last year made a total profit of JD 1.214 million, the spokesman said.

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA) -- The subject of **seconding Jordanian teachers to the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** was discussed at a meeting here today by the Minister of Education, Dr. Mohammad Nouri Shafiq, and the visiting director of planning at the UAE Ministry of Education, Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Fares. The minister expressed Jordan's willingness to second teachers to the UAE and requested a list outlining the country's needs in various specialisations. Mr. Al Fares also delivered a message to Dr. Nouri Shafiq from his UAE counterpart. According to sources at the Ministry of Education, there are 249 Jordanian teachers working in the UAE on secondment from the Jordanian Ministry of Education.

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA) -- The Military governor today approved sentences passed by the military court on 45 merchants for **violating Ministry of Supply regulations.** They were fined between JD 15 and JD 20 each.

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He will be pleased to see anyo interested in this question and will available on Monday, Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. at **the British Council,** kind permission of the representati

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Jordan Weekly Calendar

(Week of February 8 - 14)

EXHIBITIONS

SDAY, February 13: The National Jordanian Fine Arts will be open to the public after the official opening on. , Feb. 12 by His Majesty King Hussein. It will contain a n of representative works by Jordanian and other Arab f different periods up to the present day. The gallery is in Jabal Luweibdeh, near the Muntasser Circle.

DAY, February 14: The Hotel Jordan Intercontinental, in tion with the Australian embassy, will open an exhibition ographs on the Australian landscape and way of life in the f the hotel in front of the Okaz Restaurant.

MUSICAL EVENING

DAY, February 14: A musical evening is taking place at ich Cultural Centre at 6:00 p.m., where guests will have ortunity to talk about and discuss music with the members uator Parrot, a quartet who will be performing on Friday, y 15.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

SDAY, February 14: The Goethe Institute is holding the workshop session for children at 4:00 p.m. Barbara nn will be teaching youngsters aged six to twelve how to make carnival masks. This will be followed at 5:30 p.m. by a children's film.

ARCHAEOLOGY CLASS

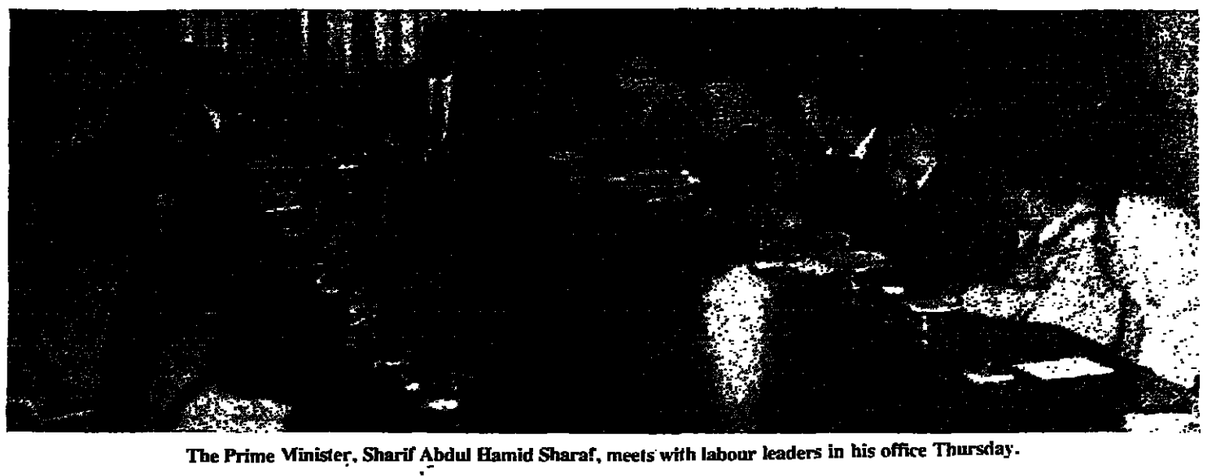
TUESDAY, February 12: A meeting at the American Centre with Dr. James Sauer of ACOR will start at 6:30 p.m. This will be the first meeting for a course athat Dr. Sauer will be teaching, to be an "Introduction to the Pottery of Jordan." The course will last ten weeks, and meeting times for the course will be discussed at the first meeting.

FILMS

FRIDAY, February 8: The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Jean Pierre Melville entitled "Un flic", starring Catherine Deneuve, Alain Delon, Paul Crauchet and Jean Desailly. This film is a police story which revolves around the tormented life of a police commissioner. The film starts at 7:30 p.m., and will be repeated on Saturday and Sunday at the same time.

TUESDAY, February 12: The British Council presents a film by Clive Donner entitled "The Caretaker", starring Donald Pleasance, Alan Bates and Robert Shaw. This is a film of the play by Harold Pinter. The film starts at 6:30 p.m., and will be repeated on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the desk until the starting time of each performance.

* * * At the Goethe Institute, a film by Niklaus Schilling entitled "Nachtschatten" (1971) starts at 8:00 p.m. The film stars Elke Hart, John van Dreelen. This film is not subtitled.



The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, meets with labour leaders in his office Thursday.

PM pledges support for trade unions, greater say for labour in management

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA) -- The government is concerned with tying labourers' wages to the cost of living in Jordan in order to achieve a balance between wages and prices, the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, told the executive council of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions here today.

Sharaf Abdul Hamid said that in view of the high cost of living--which is a world-wide problem -- the government feels it should devote more attention to families with limited income. It hopes to achieve this through financial, monetary, supply and taxation policies, he said.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Labour Omar Nabulsi, Minister of Industry and Commerce Ali Nsour and Undersecretary of Labour Tayseer Abdel Jaber.

The prime minister said the government wants a dialogue with labour unions; it wants to hear and take into consideration the views of labour leaders and the government wants to keep labour leaders informed of the overall economic and social conditions in the country.

The Prime Minister said that Jordan needs a new labour law to replace the existing one, which is 20 years old. The new law should conform to recent developments.

Therefore, he said, the government--after taking into consideration the views of all the sectors involved--will have a final draft of a new labour law by the end of this year if all goes well.

The prime minister said that His Majesty King Hussein is personally interested in the new social security law and has requested the government to apply it as soon as possible. So far, social security benefits have been extended to the employees of 20 major institutions, but as of May 1980 the law be applied to all institutions that employ 50 people or more, the prime minister said.

He said that the government, will try to secure the participation of labour union leaders in decision making along with management. He cited the participation of labourers in the board of directors of the Social Security and Vocational Training Corporations as examples of this.

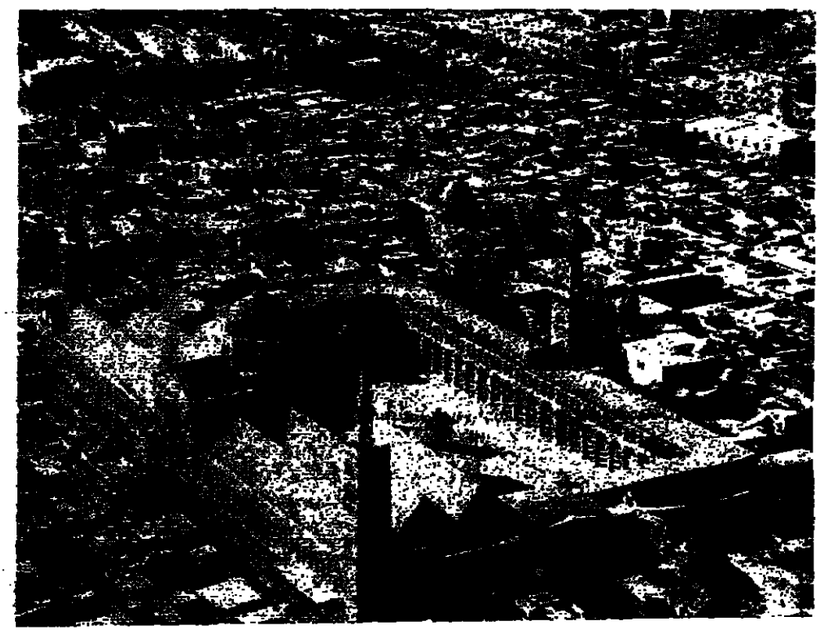
The government, he added, is trying to regulate the emigration of Jordanian labour with the purpose of retaining sufficient skilled labour in Jordan. Five specialised training centres for labourers will be set up in the country with the aim of providing highly skilled manpower, he said. The prime minister added that the government will control the employment of non-Jordanians in the country. It will also ask employers and the unions to take part in decisions pertaining to the import of foreign labour, he said. Strict measures will be taken to prevent non-Jordanian labourers here on a transit basis from infiltrating the local labour market.

The prime minister said the government will require foreign businesses in Jordan to maintain a ratio of Jordanians to their foreign employees equal to at least 25 per cent.

He said the new labour law will include provisions that will provide protection for legitimate labour union activities. No labourer is to be dismissed or penalised for his actions on behalf of his union, he said. The government believes that responsible labour union activities are essential and are a manifestation of social progress. But the sovereignty of law will remain the top priority, he added.

At the end of the meeting, the prime minister called on labourers to continue cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and with their employers in the best interest of the country.

Syria looks beyond Old City n Damascus restoration work



ew of Damascus' 8th century Umayyad Mosque and the historical buildings surrounding it.

Side street within the Old City of Damascus. (Photos by Marwan Musilmani)

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to the Jordan Times

TUS--At the fourth of the International e to Preserve Old it was announced that partment of Museums ities is considering the of preserving structures ical quarters which lie walls of the Old City of

nouncement of the of plans to preserve hisnuments was made by Bahnassi, Director of and Antiquities, during f the committee in the National Museum.

neeting, the committee the activities of its team of field workers past six months. Mr. Pasqual, sceintific sec- the Damascus French eads the team of two one historian and a photographer-historian.

Mr. Pasqual presented notes on the team's work and photographs and drawings of the areas surveyed outside the city walls: Bab Al Jabya, Shaghur Banani; Suwaiqa, Suq Saruja and Qanawat. Team members outlined their plans to locate each building in these areas on an archaeological map. The team also has prepared a bibliography of literary sources which give information on monuments and houses within the areas undersurvey.

The committee agreed to continue support of or begin cooperation on five projects:

1. Continuing to review the results of surveys and documentation of old quarters outside the Old City walls by field specialists.

2. Reviewing the architectural maps of urbanist Dorothy Sack, who is preparing an extensive series of historical maps of the Old City according to cultural periods, for her Ph.D. dissertation.

3. Supporting the efforts of Dr. Michael Meinecke, who has been appointed to found a German Archaeological Institute in Damascus. The institute will be headquartered in the Old City, and it is estimated it will take one year of restoration work before the residence is suitable for research purposes.

4. Assisting in the combination of a demographic survey undertaken by a French sociologist on Aleppo-Damascene residences with a socio-economic survey which a Syrian-German group plans to launch in the autumn. The latter will be a questionaire distributed to all residents in the Old City.

5. Supporting a historical survey of residences along old Salihiyeh Street. The committee will accept the offer of Vienna University to participate in the committee's work by making photogrammetric drawings of 100 historical buildings in Damascus in the fall.

The French members of the committee are: Prof. Andre Raymond, professor of Islamic studies at the University of Province; Mr. Therri Bianquis, director of the French Institute and Mr. Pasqual. West Germany is represented by Prof. Eugene Wirth, director of the Geographic Institute at the University of Erlangen; Dr. Klaus Dettman of the Cultural Geography Department of the University of Bevreuth; Ms. Sack of Karlsruhe University and Dr. Meinecke.

Syria is represented by Dr. Bahnassi, Dr. Toueir, Prof. Sati Mahli, director of the Institute of Geography at Damascus University, and Prof. Leyla Sabbagh, a professor of history at the university, in addition to Mr. Khalid Moas, who is conducting private research on the old city.

The next meeting of the international committee will be in early May.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	300	1.650	1.650	1.650
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10.000	100	15.600	15.500	15.500
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	350	3.060	3.060	3.060
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	400	1.350	1.350	1.350
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 1.000	3800	1.650	1.550	1.550
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	34308	1.790	1.770	1.780
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	6075	2.480	2.480	2.480
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	3355	2.450	2.450	2.450
Islamic Bank	JD 1.000	50	2.840	2.840	2.840
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1.000	7750	1.650	1.600	1.600
Arab National Bank	JD 5.000	250	16.900	16.900	16.900
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5.000	1760	16.500	16.000	16.000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarettes Co.	JD 5.000	214	9.000	9.000	9.000
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	2679	4.700	4.700	4.700
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	4100	3.750	3.600	3.650
Jordan General Mines Co.	JD 1.000	580	1.500	1.500	1.500
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	4450	1.100	1.000	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5.000	164	27.000	26.500	27.000
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1.000	4015	1.850	1.800	1.820
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	32241	2.110	2.080	2.090
International Construction and Investment	JD 1.000	23450	1.100	1.080	1.090
Arab Finance Corporation	JD 10.000	20	12.300	12.300	12.300
Jordan Worsted Mills Co.	JD 1.000	2000	3.100	3.100	3.100
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 1.000	200	23.000	23.000	23.000
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1.000	900	1.080	1.080	1.080
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1.000	100	1.000	1.000	1.000
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1.000	1800	1.350	1.350	1.350
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co	JD 1.000	800	3.800	3.800	3.800
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1.000	5000	2.250	2.100	2.200
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 1.000	1250	11.900	11.650	11.650
National Steel Industry	JD 10.000	850	16.000	16.000	16.000

Total Volume Traded on Thursday, Feb. 7, 1980: JD 332,498
Total number of shares traded: 143,311

Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low
1980	JD 5.000	200	1020	5.100	5.100
1982	JD 5.000	90	451	5.150	5.150
1983	JD 5.000	1400	702	5.020	5.020

Total Volume Traded Thursday, Feb. 7, 1980: JD 2,173
Total number of bonds traded: 1,690

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be fine, with a slight rise in temperature. Winds will be light and variable, shifting to southeasterly moderate. In Aqaba weather will also be fine, with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	4	15
Aqaba	11	22
Deserts	3	17
Jordan Valley	12	20

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	293.50/295.50
U.K. sterling	679.30/683.30
West German mark	169.40/170.40
Swiss franc	183.00/184.10
French franc	72.30/72.70
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.40/36.60
Japanese yen (for every 100)	122.30/123.00
Dutch guilder	153.50/154.40
Belgium franc	104.20/104.80

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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Liverpool seek top spot in standings

LONDON, Feb. 7 (R) – With champions Liverpool facing a severe test a Norwich, Manchester United hope that a home win over Wolverhampton could restore them to the top of England's soccer standings by Saturday evening. The Manchester club are level on points with Liverpool but have played one match and have an inferior goal difference. Liverpool, who were kept idle by bad weather last Saturday, will be weakened by their contribution to England's European Championship win over Ireland here last night. Striker David Johnson was carried off after a collision with the Irish goalkeeper and had several stitches in a head wound.

His absence from Norwich could be significant. Johnson, with 20 goals, is joint top scorer in Division One and his recent form had earned him a recall to the England team after five years. Norwich are seven points behind their visitors, but they remain unbeaten at home this season, having won seven of 12 league matches.

Manchester United are also unbeaten at home -- and their contribution to the England operation was limited to the appearance of Steve Coppell as substitute for Johnson half an hour from the end. But there is a doubt about their midfield "playmaker," Ray Wilkins, who was not fit enough to be considered for England.

Wolverhampton, in mid-table, can cherish no short-term league ambitions, and if their minds turn sub-consciously on their prospects in the F.A. and Football League cups, the Manchester club, boosted by a 3-1 win at Derby last week, will profit. Arsenal lying joint third, play host to Aston Villa, who might have leapfrogged over them if a midweek match had not been postponed.

Villa are much improved and Arsenal, with a relatively poor home record, will be without David O'Leary, Ireland's main central defender, who limped off hurt near the end of the England match. In Division Two, the leaders, Leicester, come to London to play Fulham, the bottom club. Fulham will take heart from the fact that the lead has recently changed hands weekly.

England defeat Ireland

LONDON, Feb. 7 (R)--Kevin Keegan, Europe's footballer of the year, scored both goals as England beat the Republic of Ireland 2-0 at Wembley Stadium here last night in the final match of the European Soccer Championship Group One qualifying competition.

The result meant England won seven and drew one of their eight qualifying games and scored 22 goals while conceding only five. Keegan's exemplary finishing invested an otherwise low-key match with a touch of class. But for his presence, the Irish might have repeated the draw they faced when England visited Dublin in October 1978.

Terry McDermott and David Johnson, Liverpool teammates of Keegan before he moved to West German Club Hamburg, combined in the build-up to the first goal after 34 minutes. The second goal in the 74th minute was a solo effort, Keegan kicking the ball over substitute goalkeeper Ron Healey from 16 metres as three defenders tried to close him down.

Spain down Turkey in basketball

BURSA, Turkey, Feb. 7 (R) -- Juventud Barcelona (Spain) beat Tofas Bursa (Turkey) 81-78 (halftime 44-24) in a korac cup Group "B" quarter-final four series men's basketball match here last night.

Basketball roundup

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP) -- **Houston's** Rick Barry set a National Basketball Association record with seven three-point baskets -- he tried nine --but it took his pair of free throws with four seconds left to give the Rockets a four-point lead en route to a 115-114 victory over the **New Jersey Nets**. Barry, who led all scorers with 21 points, hit his first four long-distance shots late in the opening period after the Rockets fell behind 19-7. "I think all the shots I took tonight were good. I just don't try to force them," he said.

Elsewhere, the **Boston Celtics** trounced the **Philadelphia 76ers** 129-110, the **Phoenix Suns** nipped the **Kansas City Kings** 197-95, the **Milwaukee Bucks** edged the **Cleveland Cavaliers** 111-109, the **Golden State Warriors** defeated the **San Diego Clippers** 111-92 and the **Denver Nuggets** beat the **Chicago Bulls** 122-111.

The Nets, led by newly acquired Rick Phegley's 25 points -- 16 in the fourth quarter -- pulled within 113-111 with 49 seconds left. Phegley attempted a game-tying shot with 17 seconds remaining but it was blocked by Tom Henderson. Barry then hit two free throws that nullified a last-second three-point basket by Jersey's Ed Jordan. Larry Bird, Nate Archibald and Cedric Maxwell led a furious second-half charge in rallying Boston from a 14-point third-period deficit to defeat Philadelphia 129-110. Bird scored 22 of his 32 points in the second half while Archibald had all of his 18 and Maxwell 15 of his 19 in the final two periods. The victory put the Celtics two full games ahead of the 76ers in the Atlantic Division.

Walter Davis scored 21 points, including a game-winning shot with three seconds to go, to give the Suns their 97-95 victory over the Kings. With 14 seconds left and the score tied at 99, the Suns called a timeout and inbounded the ball to Davis, who held it until his game-winning shot. Gus Gerard led Kansas City with 25 points.

Brian Winters sank a jumper from the top of the key at the buzzer for the Buck's winning basket. The lead changed hands six times in the final 2:51, the last when Junior Bridgeman, who finished with 23 points, sank a jump shot to put the Bucks ahead 109-108 with 28 seconds left. Cleveland's Kenny Carr made one of three free throws to tie the score with 11 seconds left. Winters then took a pass and fired the winning shot.

John Roche and newcomer Alex English keyed a fourth-quarter Denver surge as the Nuggets moved ahead of the Bulls and the idle Utah Jazz into third place in the Midwest Division. Chicago fell to last place. Dan Issel led the Nuggets with 32.

Malaysia to boycott Moscow Games

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 7 (R)--Malaysia says it will boycott the Olympic Games in Moscow with other Islamic countries in protest against Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

A government statement issued last night said the cabinet supported a resolution of the Islamic conference which decided against participation in the Moscow games in July until all Soviet troops were withdrawn from Afghanistan.

The chairman of the Malaysian Olympics Committee, Law Minister Datuk Hamzah Abu Samah, said Malaysia would still stage the Group Three Olympic soccer qualifying tournament here next month. But the Malaysian team would yield first place to the runners-up if it won.

Malaysia has already qualified for the Olympic hockey tournament.

Sweden to attend Olympics

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7 (R) -- The director of the Swedish Sports Federation said today that Sweden would take part in the summer Olympics in Moscow. Writing in the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, Karl Frithiofsson also said the United Nations should decide on sanctions against the olympics. "Sports should not take upon itself to pass judgement on a country's political system or international behaviour," he added. "When the United States for many years maintained military forces in Vietnam -- the similarity with the Soviet actions in Afghanistan is striking -- and rained down bombs to an extent never seen before, sports exchanges continued unabated," he said.

England captain gives press conference

MELBOURNE, Feb. 7 (AP) -- England Captain Mike Brearley called on Australian cricket authorities to revise their planning of one-day games here today. He said it had been very hard during the tour to get the sort of practice needed for test matches and the sort of practice for other squad members who were not playing in the international side. Derek Underwood, for instance, a very experienced player, did not bowl as well as he could after not having a bowl in a match in the 11 days between the Sydney test and the match against New South Wales in Canberra.

"If an experienced player is affected, obviously the inexperienced ones must be too," Brearley said. "I would prefer to see one-day games packed into a small period of time, so you could treat them as a sort of festival of their own." The touring party was preparing to leave their Melbourne hotel for the airport as Brearley wound up the Australian tour with a news conference.

Olympic teams arrive at Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID, New York, Feb. 7 (R) -- Speed skaters and Nordic skiers from around the world trained here yesterday under sparkling blue skies on venues where the Winter Games begin next week, but political storm clouds continued to darken the Olympic horizon. The bulk of the Soviet Union's Winter Games team, 88 strong, arrived in this Adirondack Mountain resort Tuesday night. Other newcomers increased the population of the games village to 425 this morning. Arrival schedules remained indefinite but 216 more competitors and officials arrived during the day, taking the numbers to more than half of the 1,200 who are registered for the 13th Winter Games.

The Soviet ice hockey team, favourites to capture the gold medal, are training in New England, and face what promises to be an ordeal by American fans when they meet the United States amateurs in New York's Madison Square Garden on Saturday.

The alpine slopes on Whiteface Mountain are still closed to Olympic skiers under international rules which permit organisers to complete preparations of the courses. Although there is little natural snow in the region, the snow-making equipment massed here has permitted work to go on to the satisfaction of experienced ski officials.

Despite the threat to the Summer Games in Moscow hanging over the Olympic world, winter sports officials are hopeful they will escape major political problems which must be tackled by members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at their weekend session.

The United States national Olympic Committee (USOC) is independent of the American government but is under strong pressure from Washington to persuade the IOC to tranfer the Summer Games from Moscow, or to cancel or postpone them. President Carter has insisted that the Soviet Union must withdraw its forces from Afghanistan by Feb. 20 or face the U.S. boycott. Presidential counsel Lloyd Cutler is entrusted with gathering support from other countries for the American stand.

The Association of National Olympic Committees, meeting in Mexico City at the weekend, stood firmly behind the IOC president in his insistence the Moscow Games should go on as planned. With none of the senior Olympic leaders gathered here, there was no immediate reaction to the Mexico City decision.

Record prizes for snooker tourney

SHEFFIELD, England, Feb. 7 (R)--A record entry of 53 players will compete for the highest ever prize money of £60,000 in the World Professional Snooker championship here from April 22 to May 5. A total of 37 players will take part in preliminary rounds, bidding for eight places in the finals where they will join the world's top ranked 16. Defending champion Terry Griffiths of Wales is top seeded to meet six times world champion and second seed Ray Reardon of England in the final. Other seedings include Australia's Eddie Charlton at number four, Cliff Thorburn of Canada, number six, Perrie Mans of South Africa, eight, and Canada's Bill Werbeniuk, 12. The winner receives £15,000. A prize of £5,000 will be given for a new world championship record break of between 143 and 146 points. The current record of 142 is held jointly by England's Rex Williams and Werbeniuk.

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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NERAL TENDENCIES: A good time to make that are important to you. Get your facts and es correct and make arrangements to utilize them to advantage. Evening is not a good time to ask for s, make decisions.

IES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Go over your accounts ully and correct any errors, know how best to invest e future. A more gentle attitude helps you to get your across.

URUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Talk over those projects partners early and get fine results. Believe in ever it is you are doing.

MINI (May 21 to June 21) Study the work ahead of nd plan how to get it done efficiently. Talk over with rkers a plan you have for better teamwork.

ON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Your spirits igh and you can have great fun with congenials. A less risk you want to take could be beneficial.

O (July 22 to Aug. 21) A fascinating new project can posed for what it is, if you dig up all the information an about it. Take no risks with reputation.

RGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Consult with allies and to operate more efficiently together in the future. are now able to get data you couldn't get earlier.

BRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be careful about money ngs with others. Consult with a bigwig who can give good advice. Not a good time for socializing.

ORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make plans early so that an gain personal aims easily and quickly. Later meet congenials for entertainment you most prefer.

GITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) This is the best to go after goals that have been difficult to gain e this. You get backing from an admirer.

PRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Look to good friends sistance in gaining personal goals. Accept an invita- o a group meeting; something good comes of it.

UARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You are never happier when at work, so get busy at civic matters for best ts today. Contact a bigwig for needed support.

SCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) New contacts can be of real o you. Take no risks where your health is concerned. l those who are jealous of you.

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my last letter you have gotten the im- n that nothing went Deauville. Quite the y—my French team- nd I succeeded in win- th team events.

e finals of the exhibi- ams, we defeated a Dutch squad trained of my favorite part- Benito Garozzo. This ntributed significant- r victory. If the auc- rprises you, it can be ed to the fact that I that we needed to some points so I n aggressive course.

When my partner showed a good two no trump opening with excellent heart support, I really should have quietly bid four hearts. But I elected to show my diamond values, and I really can't blame my partner, Paul Chemla, for going to slam.

West led the ten of clubs, and I was not enchanted with my prospects. Not only was I faced with two potential trump losers, I also had to find parking spots for my third spade and fourth diamond. The simplest approach was to play the hand as a dummy reversal, hoping to find hearts 3-2 with the king onside, and clubs 4-3, or one of the defenders with the doubleton king of clubs. This was not a percentage slam, but . . .

I won the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. When that fetched the king, prospects improved considerably. I led a heart to the queen, which held. Now I cashed the ace of hearts, and when both defenders followed, I was home.

I left the king of hearts outstanding and ruffed a club. The king of spades was an entry to ruff dummy's remaining low club, and after that, there was nothing but winners. I simply cashed the king and queen of diamonds and continued to run my side suit tricks. West could ruff whenever he desired, but his king of trumps was the only trick for the defenders.

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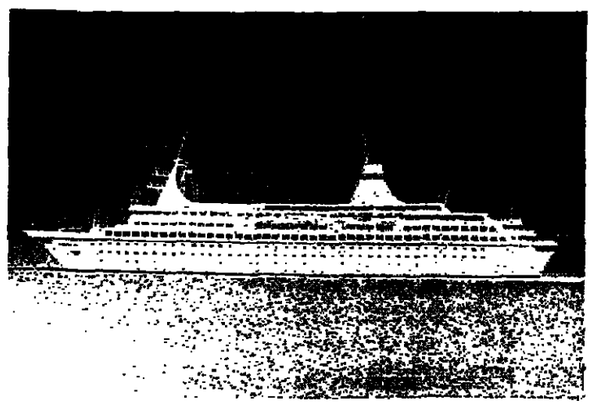

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Answer: What the repairman said when the driver complained that his engine was smoking—WELL, IT'S OLD ENOUGH!

THE Daily Crossword by William Newland

ACROSS
1 Way
5 Pittsburgh export
10 "The frost — the pun-kin"
14 Inter —
15 — d'hote
16 Panacea effect
17 The police
20 Color of the ocean
21 Hubbub
22 Told whoppers
23 Strewn: Her.
24 Part of USSR
27 Porticoes
31 Unlocks
32 Like cloth
33 — spree (carousing)
34 Luscious cherry
35 Quoted as authority
36 Spiral
37 Completion
38 Footloose one
39 Furze
40 Freshened
42 Optical devices
43 Possessive
44 Flexed
45 Social affair
48 Wane
52 Detective
54 part of ETA
55 Sample
56 Neophyte
57 Sheds a tear
58 Beef on the hoof
59 Chopped cabbage

DOWN
1 Cronies
2 Succulent plant
3 Louise or Turner
4 Sharp bargaining
5 Paved walkway
6 Under control
7 Inky
8 Wee one
9 Educated
10 Hockey players, for example
11 Pacific sea
12 Nuncupative
13 Salamander
18 Sign of the Zodiac
19 Homo sapiens
23 Divide
24 Marked by temperance
25 Air a view
26 Plays huckster
27 Expressed a preference
28 French windows
29 Cordial flavoring
30 Shoppers' quests
32 Spouses
35 Emends
36 Rivalries
38 City on the Seine
39 Art category
41 Conservatives
42 Lewd one
44 Davis or Midler
45 Harbors: abbr.
46 Miscellaneous collection
47 Poetic foot
48 Medicinal amount
49 Hydrocarbon radical
50 FDR's mother
51 "... were Paradise —"
53 Rel. of long.

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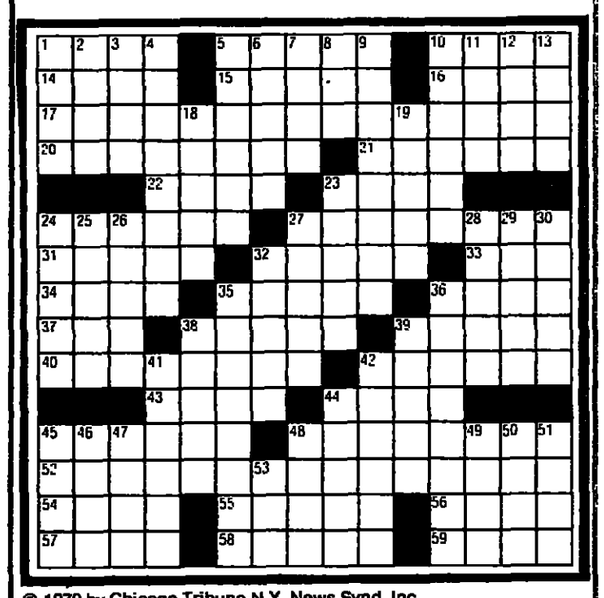

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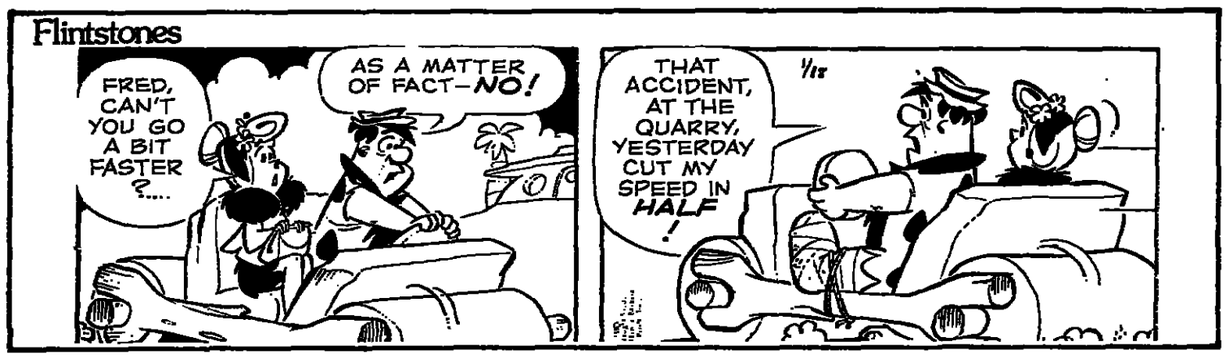

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Leaving decision on Olympics boycott uncertain

Nigeria's leader decides against meeting with Ali

LAGOS, Feb. 7 (R)--Ex-boxing champion Muhammad Ali, now trying to rally Black Africa behind President Carter's call for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics, encountered new trouble today when Nigeria's chief of state decided against meeting the American visitor.

President Alhaji Shehu Shagari had been expected to meet Mr. Ali tomorrow but officials quoted him as saying he had changed his mind.

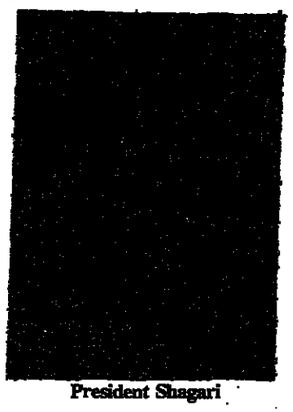
The officials also said they had been unable to arrange a meeting scheduled for today between the former world heavyweight titleholder and Nigeria's national Olympic committee.

Mr. Ali met the Olympic committees of Kenya and Tanzania on his visits to these countries before arriving in Nigeria yesterday, although Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere was "too busy" to receive him.

European diplomats in Lagos said Nigeria was determined not to compromise its strict policy of non-alignment by appearing to be influenced by the United States.

But one European ambassador said: "Just because Muhammad Ali has been given a hostile reception, that does not mean Nigeria will definitely go to Moscow."

President Carter appointed Mr. Ali as his special envoy to seek support for the Olympic boycott, called for in protest against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.



President Shagari

Earlier today, the Lagos newspaper New Nigerian, owned by the government, said in an editorial: "The people of Afghanistan rightly deserve our moral support in their struggle against Soviet imperialism.

"But there is a distinction between our genuine sympathy for the Afghans and the pious rantings of Western leaders."

The front-page editorial, headed "To Moscow we must go," said the matter of the Olympics was a separate issue.

It said Black Africa was accused of marring the friendly atmosphere of the Olympics when it boycotted the 1976 games in protest against sporting links with South Africa.

"Twenty-six African nations had to withdraw without a single word of support from any Western nation," the New Nigerian said.

Since the outspoken Mr. Ali began his African tour last Sunday in Dar es Salaam, he has become increasingly sensitive to criticisms of Western and particulary American links with South Africa.

He has combined his message on Afghanistan and the Olympics with an attack on South Africa.

Mr. Ali has also said, however, that while Western inaction over the 1976 African Olympic boycott was a crime, President Carter was not in power at that time. "I am backing Carter all the way over Afghanistan."

Tomorrow he leaves for Liberia and will end his African mission in Senegal.

U.S. Congress plans to pursue bribery probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (R) -- Congressmen plan to pursue their investigation of allegations against eight of their colleagues implicated in political bribery, despite opposition from the Justice Department.

Both the Senate and House of Representatives Ethics Committees said they would conduct preliminary inquiries based on news accounts of the scandal.

According to these, one senator and seven representatives face allegations of taking bribes from Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents posing as Arab sheikhs offering payoffs for political favours.

All have denied any wrongdoing.

U.S. Attorney-General Benjamin Civiletti urged the committees yesterday to postpone for up to six months or more the investigations so as not to jeopardise criminal prosecution.

Mr. Civiletti's view was reported to the committees by Assistant Attorney-General Philip Heymann, who said he feared a "six-ring circus" if there were multiple investigations.

"However fine the cooks may be, one too many may spoil the broth," Mr. Heymann said.

He said it would be a disaster if there were legal entanglements through numerous investigations and widespread publicity that ended with no federal criminal prosecution at all.

The committees said they needed Justice Department documents, including videotapes purported to show agents posing as sheikhs handing thousands of dollars in cash to congressmen in Washington, on yachts and at a Playboy club in the Northeast.

The Justice officials said they expected criminal indictments to be returned within 90 days from grand juries and they hope for a conclusion of criminal trials within six months.

Senator Harrison Williams, a New Jersey Democrat, has been the only senator under investigation in the probe.

Seven members of the House from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Florida and South Carolina are also reported to be under investigation.

One of the accused, Representative Richard Kelly of Florida, told NBC News last night that he took money from the FBI agents because he was conducting an investigation of his own into what he called shady characters.

He said they wanted special immigration bills introduced and he took $25,000, which he returned to the FBI after the news became public.

North, S. Korea reopen direct telephone 'hot-line'

SEOUL, Feb. 7 (R) -- North and South Korea today reopened a direct telephone "hot-line" linking their capitals after a silence of three-and-a-half years.

Representatives of both governments agreed to restore the line yesterday at a meeting in the armistice village of Panmunjon, to lay the ground for a possible meeting of prime ministers to discuss eventual reunification of the divided peninsula.

North Korea severed the line with Seoul in August 1976, shortly after the axe killing of two American soldiers by North Korean guards in the demilitarised zone.

No explanation was ever given for cutting the telephone link 12 days later when Seoul enquired about the fate of a fishing boat seized off the North Korean coast.

The Pyongyang operator answered the call, asked the South Korean caller to wait, then pulled out the plugs.

The North later returned the 23 fishermen, but persistently rejected Southern pleas for the reopening of the line.

A total of 21 lines were originally set up between the capitals under a North-South detente communique issued jointly in 1972. Today two of them have been reactivated.

The delegates yesterday also agreed to a further round of talks on Feb. 19 to discuss a prime ministerial meeting.

A meeting between the prime ministers would be the first since the country was divided at the end of World War Two.

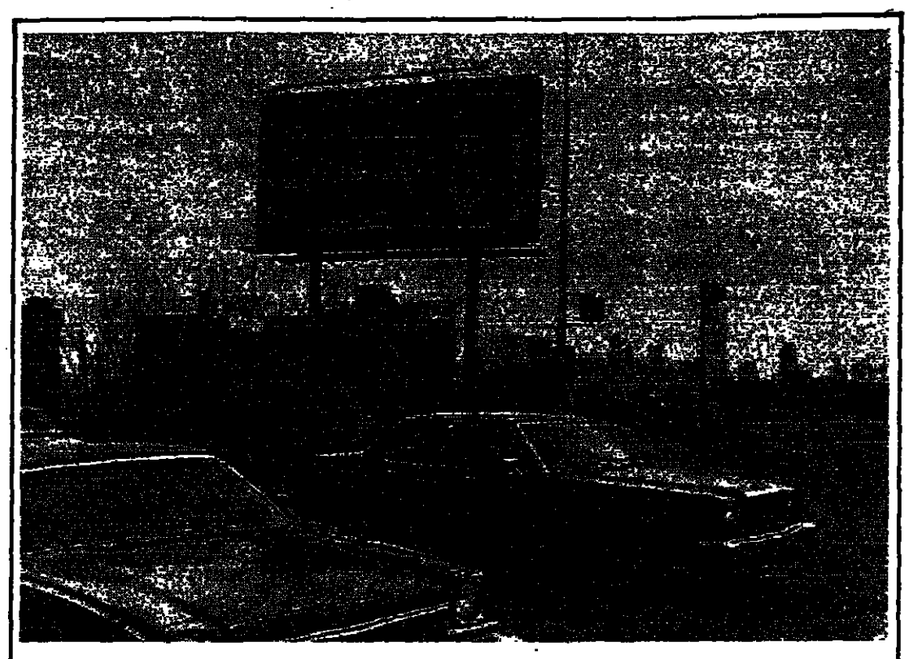
The 1950-53 war between the communist North and the U.S.-backed South ended with a ceasefire line drawn across the 38th parallel.

Both sides pledged efforts towards a peaceful reunification in a joint communique in 1972, but tension mounted and meetings were eventually postponed.

Yesterday's meeting was free from much of the recrimination and rancour which had marred talks in the past.

North and South Korea have yet to agree on the size of the delegations accompanying the two prime ministers and the venue for their proposed meeting.

South Korea has proposed a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, while the North suggests alternative meeting in Seoul and Pyongyang.



One answer to the taking of hostages and to Iran's anti-American attitude: the inhabitants of Long Island City, New York, are asked by billboards not to drive at speeds over 55 miles per hour, in order to save precious gasoline and thus limit purchases of Iranian oil. There are 10,000 of these billboards throughout the U.S. as part of a public service campaign costing $1 million. (Gamma photo)

Two S. African cities to experiment with dropping visiting blacks' curfew

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 7 (R) -- Two South African cities are to experiment with dropping the 72-hour curfew imposed on visiting blacks, one of this country's most hated apartheid laws.

Dr. Piet Koornhof, minister of cooperation and development (black affairs), said in parliament this week that the curfew, whereby blacks need a permit to stay more than 72 hours in an urban area where they do not live, would be dropped in Pretoria and Bloemfontein as an experiment.

The curfew is an integral part of so-called influx control laws which restrict the movements of blacks.

Dr. Koornhof said that the step was taken "with a view to building up good race relations and removing hurtful discrimination as far as practically possible."

A department committee would also be set up to review and revise all laws affecting blacks in urban areas, he said.

There are a maze of laws governing the movement of blacks around urban areas. Apart from having to apply for permits to visit another town for longer than 72 hours, they must carry identification documents which include proof of residential rights and employment details.

These are widely known as pass laws and are loathed by blacks who regard them as one of the most humiliating aspects of apartheid.

A person can be arrested at any time for a check on his pass book and is liable to prosecution and deportation to his allotted black homeland if papers are not in order.

In May last year, a government commission headed by economist Pieter Riekert reported that the 72-hour curfew was an example of discrimination and urged that it be scrapped. The commission also recommended a general revision of the pass laws.

Dr. Koornhof said of the curfew experiment: "As soon as the system has been tested for a reasonable period, it will be evaluated and the necessary decisions will be taken.

"It is my intention to implement the recommendations of the Riekert Commission as soon as possible and to phase out the 72-hour limit."

He also said he intended to replace the pass book with a more acceptable system, saying that in its present form it was a "great hindrance to healthy race relations."

The curfew experiment has been cautiously welcomed by blacks, who are keen to see widespread removal of the pass laws.

Said Post, the main black newspaper in South Africa: "What we are talking about, in plain language, is not an improvement of bad laws but their total eradication from the statute books. Influx control is immoral."

Magazine leaks information on Britain's secret services

LONDON, Feb. 7 (R)--A leftwing magazine today named the heads of Britain's secret services, whose identities are normally hidden, and described their electronic surveillance and bugging operations.

The New Statesman magazine, in the latest instalment of revelations which have already caused a storm in Parliament, said the security and intelligence services had exclusive use of eight large office blocks in London.

It printed the addresses of the London offices, and estimated that they employed 5,400 people.

The New Statesman said the head of Britain's counter-espionage security service, known as M.I.5, was Sir Howard Smith, a former ambassador to Moscow, while the secret intelligence service, M.I. 6, was headed by Sir Arthur Franks.

The magazine said that although planting a bug on target premises required breaking and entering or, at least, gaining entry by deception, no legal warrants were needed.

It quoted an unnamed intelligence official as giving this description of bugging and telephone tapping targets: "Embassies, all of them... including the Americans... trade union leaders and offices all the time... journalists, not very many... shipping companies, they are a very valuable source of information... a few MPs."

Every surveillance resource was employed to monitor the conversations and discussions of guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe during the Rhodesian constitutional conference in London last autumn, the New Stateman said.

This surveillance operation, according to a senior intelligence source, was authorised directly by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, the New Statesman said.

The secret services and the police shared a joint electronic surveillance and bugging centre at a quiet house in Camberwell, South London, it reported.

Last week, the New Statesman caused a storm in Parliament when it published details of a sophisticated government phone tapping centre in Central London.

World News Briefs

EAST BERLIN, Feb. 7 (R) -- The Soviet Union will continue the withdrawal of 20,000 troops and 1,000 tanks from East Germany this year despite growing East-West tension over Afghanistan, the Soviet ambassador to East Berlin said last night. Mr. Pyotr Abrassimov said in an interview with West German television that Moscow would "completely fulfil" its promise to complete the pullout by next September. "The only thing which could halt the withdrawal of Soviet troops would be new actions by the West aimed at complicating the military situation in Europe," he added. Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev announced the pullout in East Berlin last October, calling it a gesture of Soviet goodwill on East-West disarmament. It began in the East German garrison town of Wittenberg on Dec. 5. Mr. Abrassimov also rebutted Western reports that the troops and equipment which had so far left East Germany had been despatched to Czechoslovakia or Hungary.

LAKE PLACID, New York, Feb. 7 (R) -- Olympic chiefs gathered here today to discuss the games crisis over Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, as the United States said that nearly 50 countries were backing President Carter's call to have the summer games moved from Moscow in protest. Lord Killanin, Irish president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), told reporters here that the world sports body was facing its most critical period, but refused to say what action the IOC would take over President Carter's call for a games boycott. The IOC executive board, here for the Winter Olympics next week, begins a study of Olympic problems today. The United States has mounted a big campaign to get the games either boycotted or moved, with special envoys travelling world wide on President Carter's instructions to drum up support. Lord Killanin has said it would be unthinkable to change the venue of the games, and declared that although he was sensitive to U.S. feelings, President Carter had not asked to see him nor had he requested a meeting with the American leader.

ARYANAPRATHET, Thailand, Feb. 7 (R) -- A group of international "hunger marchers" today handed over food and medicines to the Thai Red Cross after they were refused permission to enter Kampuchea and distribute the supplies among starving refugees. American folk singer Joan Baez sang "Oh Freedom", a song of the U.S. civil rights movement, as the supplies were handed over to Red Cross officials in a ceremony at this eastern frontier town. Miss Baez was among 150 politicians, doctors, charity workers and celebrities from Europe and the United States who marched to the border yesterday. They were not allowed to cross the border despite their appeals to Kampuchean frontier guards. Only Miss Baez, Soviet dissident Alexander Ginsburg and some French doctors were present at today's ceremony. The rest of the hunger marchers, including Norwegian actress Liv Ullman, had already returned to Bangkok. The 200 tonnes of supplies will be distributed to Kampucheans along the Thai border and to Thai villagers forced from their homes by fighting near the frontier between Vietnamese-led forces of the Phnom Penh administration and guerrillas of the ousted Khmer Rouge administration.

LONDON, Feb. 7 (R) -- The British Parliament has taken the first steps to formally grant independence to the New Hebrides group of islands, effectively the last patch of the empire in the South Pacific. The House of Lords (upper house) this week approved a bill to give independence to the people of the islands in May. It will go before the House of Commons shortly before being sent to Queen Elizabeth for signature. The new state is expected to seek full membership of the Commonwealth on becoming independent. Freedom for the sun-baked islands, stretching through 500 miles of ocean between Australia and Fiji, will also end a unique, but often confusing, form of government. The New Hebrides are the world's first and only existing condominium, ruled equally by France and Britain under an agreement dating back to 1906. The two countries agreed on the independence plan last year with the approval of local politicians.

ANKARA, Feb. 7 (R) -- Five policemen were held up, stripped and locked in their own cells by a police chief who caught them asleep on duty, Turkish newspapers reported today. The daily Hurriyet said Police Inspector Necdet Menzil of the western province of Manisa found the policemen sleeping during a surprise night visit to the town of Turgutlu. After locking them in the cells he called the local governor to witness the scene. Hurriyet carried a front-page colour photograph of the five policemen lying face down in their underwear. "Stop playing at being a policeman and start being one," Inspector Menzil told his subordinates, who were suspended pending investigations, Hurriyet said. The policemen said they would file a complaint against their chief for threatening them with a gun, the paper said.

Vietnam's drive againt Khmer Rouge guerrillas

By Bernard Melunsky

BANGKOK -- Undeterred by the ripples from Afghanistan, Vietnam seems to be making a vigorous new bid to wipe out anti-government resistance in Kampuchea. After building up their strength in western Kampuchea over the past few months, Vietnamese-led troops in the war-battered Indochinese country's western areas have begun mounting operations against guerrillas loyal the ousted Khmer Rouge, regime with bases close to the Thai border.

They are also drawing ever-closer to vulnerable large border encampments of Kampuchea under control of non-communist Khmer Serei (Free Khmer) guerrillas, provoking fears of a fresh refugee stampede into Thailand.

Strong international reaction to the military intervention in Afghanistan by Hanoi's powerful and staunch ally, the Soviet Union, has in no way stopped the Vietnamese military machine from getting back into high gear after months of relative inactivity during the rainy season.

Its recent series of attacks close to the border carry with them the risk of a spill over of fighting into Thailand and all the diplomatic dangers attached to such an event.

"One would have assumed that with the Soviets so beleaguered with Afghanistan, they would not want Vietnam to add to their problems by causing tension with Thailand," commented one Western diplomat.

At least one senior Thai military officer speculated recently that a long-expected Vietnamese-led dry season offensive had failed to materialise because the Soviet Union wanted to weather out the international protests over Afghanistan.

But this raises the two questions of how much influence Moscow has over crucial decisions by the intensely nationalistic Hanoi leadership and how much leverage it would be prepared to exert.

"The amount of pressure the Soviets would have to put on Hanoi (to prevent big military operations in Kampuchea) would outweigh the respite they would gain if the Vietnamese showed restraint," commented another diplomat.

Despite the considerable support and aid that Vietnam gets from the Soviet Union in all spheres -- and its repeated stress on the closeness of ties between the two countries--it remains unclear to what extent Hanoi and Moscow act in concert over Indochina.

Clearly it suits both communist countries to keep China out of the Indochinese peninsula.

This has been virtually achieved in the past year, with the ousting of the pro-Peking Khmer Rouge government in Kampuchea and the removal of a large Chinese presence from Laos.

The main threat remains the presence of an estimated 20-30,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas scattered around Kampuchea, supported by China.

They pose not only a military threat for the future. Their continued presence on Kampuchean soil also gives some credibility to the continued recognition accorded by the United Nations to the ousted government.

Vietnam repeatedly refers to the guerrillas as remnants but its actions show that their removal justifies a large-scale operation, even at the risk of further antagonising the large number of countries bitterly opposed to its original intervention in December 1978.

Vietnam, which feels constantly threatened by its new arch foe China in the north, would probably also like to be able to remove some of its estimated 200,000 troops after clearing up Kampuchea.

Accordingly, after marching and flying large numbers of soldiers into the west, the Vietnamese-led side late last month began attacking Khmer Rouge strongholds in rugged and well-defended areas near the Thai border.

Their operations may be limited in scope, in the sense that it could prove an almost impossible task to eradicate the Khmer Rouge -- reported to be better-fed and healthier than for many months -- from the jungles and hilly terrain of western Kampuchea.

They have so far launched big attacks against two Khmer Rouge strongholds, at Phnom Malai and Phnom Chat, capturing some strategic hillocks but apparently being unable to capitalise as their enemies fade into the jungles and reappear to surround them.

But if the Vietnamese aim is to capture these strategic areas before the next rainy season in May, they may well be on the way to success, even though the Khmer Rouge guerrillas will live to fight another day.

Diplomatic sources believe the Vietnamese may try to seal off large areas of the border with Thailand, in the belief that this would make it easier for them to corner their enemies.

To do so, they would have to clear the border areas of several large concentrations of Kampuchean civilians.

Two of the largest encampments are opposite the Thai border villages of Nong Samet and Non Makmoon -- encampments known as "007" and "204" respectively -- both under control of nationalist Khmer Serei groups.

There are an estimated 200,000 Kampucheans in these conglomerations and any serious fighting in or around could touch off a fresh flood of refugees into Thailand.

Military analysts here believe the Vietnamese would have little difficulty in shattering Khmer Serei defences and moving to clear the camps. They could also shell them and sow panic if they desired.

But so far, despite frequen recent clashes near the encamp ments, there has apparently bee no major Vietnamese bid to attac them.

Some diplomats believe that border concentrations represer threat to the kind of commu Kampuchea that Vietnam is se ing to establish, and that an att could be imminent.

"The disposition of Vietnam forces has moved so close tha looks ominous," commented or

However, the Vietnamese-l forces might be calculat whether the military advanta gained from clearing these area enabling them to try to and en cle some Khmer Rouge group would not be outweighed by uproar from Thailand and o Southeast Asian countries wl already feel they are o burdened by refugees.

Another consideration aga sealing the border could be th would deter Kampucheans f coming to the border to col international relief supplies wl have helped to keep at leas segment of Kampuchea's po lation fed in recent months.

Some refugees report that Vietnamese have recently people not to go to the borde collect rice as this could dangerous in view of milit operations.

But faced with the real p sibility of a deterioration of food situation when the pres meagre rice crop runs out in Ka puchea, the Vietnamese may fin it more convenient to let the pre sent situation continue.

Despite Soviet and relief agenc assistance, Vietnam may contin to find that feeding the Kam pucheans, let alone its own so diers, is a lingering headache tha will not vanish by itself.

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Thousands of Kampucheans are crowded into this encampment opposite the Thai border village of Nong Samet. Any serious fighting near this encampment or others along the border could touch off a fresh flood of refugees into Thailand. (Gamma photo)

Gunman kills last hostage, self

Milan office siege ends tragically after 30 hours

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 7 (R)--A dramatic office siege in the centre of Milan ended after 30 hours last night when a deranged gunman shot dead his last hostage and then killed himself.

"It was an absurd and inexplicable epilogue," said exhausted Magistrate Luigi Del'osso, who for 30 hours had pleaded with the gunman to surrender peacefully.

Antonio Brambilla, 34, took seven hostages at the modern office building on Tuesday night after killing the husband of a woman he said he loved. After hours of lucid but fanciful telephone conversations with negotiators and journalists, Mr. Brambilla agreed to give himself up and free his last hostage, secretary Rita Furiato.

Instead, he shot the young woman, who had offered to stay with him in return for the release of the six other captives, and then took his own life.

Mrs. Furiato's family attacked police for their handling of the affair. "You killed my brother and now you made my sister die," one of Mrs. Furiato's sisters screamed at police. She was referring to their brother Antonio, a known criminal killed in a gun battle with police in 1977.

But Mr. Dell'osso, who headed the operation, said he did not know why Mr. Brambilla had reneged on his promise to surrender. "At the end he was a thousand miles away from wanting to finish it in this tragic way. The woman, too, was serene and trusting right up until our last contact," said the magistrate.

The first victim of the siege, office messenger Gianni ferrari, was Mr. Brambilla's real target. After shooting Mr. Ferrari dead on Tuesday night, the former convict with a history of mental disorder said he loved Mr. Ferrari's wife.

"I had a personal matter to settle with him," Mr. Brambilla told reporters by telephone during the siege. Police said the two men had quarrelled violently in the past over Mr. Brambilla's affection for Mr. Ferrari's wife.